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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Jones Chapel Church

HASSEL, NORTH CAROLINA
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1960

Next session convenes with Chestnut Grove Church, one mile from Oak City, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1961.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER B. B. EXUM - Moderator, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
ELDER H. G. GARDNER - Ass't Mod., Washington, N. C.
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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CORRESPONDING PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE CHURCH OF JONES CHAPEL

Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 7, 1960.

The Friday morning session was opened by the Moderator, who sang hymn 433 for the opening song. Prayer by Elder S. A. Short. Then the Moderator read Matt. 18, and introduced Elder William Shephard who was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. He sang hymn 440, text Matt. 3. The Moderator then introduced Elder S. A. Short to preach the alternate sermon. He sang hymn 141, text Matt. 3. Then the Moderator made some wonderful remarks. Sang 200 for the closing. Dismissed for one hour.

FRIDAY EVENING, October 7, 1960.

After recess of one hour the Moderator, Elders and delegates met. The Moderator sang hymn 492. Prayer by Elder J. H. Morning. Then the Moderator called for the business of the evening. It was moved and agreed that Elder B. B. Exum be Moderator for the next twelve months. Elder H. G. Gardner Assistant Moderator. Elder William Shephard, Treasurer, Brother J. I. Jones, Clerk, and all other officers remain the same. Moved and agreed to invite our corresponding delegates and visitors to sit with us and form a part in our conference, and feel themselves at home. Moved and agreed to appoint a Committee of three to arrange for preaching from day to day. The Moderator chose Elder S. A. Short, Chairman Brother William Perkins, Brother John Cherry. They appointed Elder Ernest Farmer, Elder Sandy Brown, Elder F. R. Bell. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committe be received and discharged. Moved and agreed that Elder Farmer take the texts at the stand from day to day. Moved and agreed that our corresponding delegates make their report:

Radicue: Elder J. H. Morning with a file of Minutes, stating peace. Elder Warren Cooper, Moderator, Elder J. H. Morning Assistant. Next sitting at Mt. Galilee off Cokey Road, three miles from Rocky Mount, N. C.

Union Line: Elder Dickson, stating peace, with a file of Minutes. Elder T. E. Claytor, Moderator. Next sitting at Hart's Chapel three miles from Farmville, N. C., Highway 258.

Loving: Brother August Cherry, stating peace, and a file of Minutes. Elder A. H. Humphrey, Moderator. Next sitting at Richlands.

Bethlehem: Not represented.

Little River: A letter and a file of Minutes, stating peace. Elder Lawrence Bethea, Moderator, Elder J. D. Stewart, Clerk.

Chestnut Knob: Elder G. H. Hairston stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder R. L. Pannill, Moderator. Next sitting at Oak Level Church, Bassett, Va., Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1961.

Long Branch: Elder J. H. Diickens stating peace, and a file of Minutes. Elder J. H. Dickens, Moderator, Elder John Charles Assistant. Next sitting at John Hall, Tarboro, N. C., Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1960.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Jameson stating peace, and a file of Minutes. Elder R. H. Martin, Moderator. Next sitting at Little Richmond, Bennett, N. C.

Piedmont: Elder B. T. Hairston stating peace, and a file of Minutes. Elder T. E .Claytor, Moderator. Next sitting at Rockville, Va.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. L. Wade stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder E. D. Wallace, Moderator. Next sitting in Beckley, W. Va. first Sunday in August, 1961.

Cub Run: Elder G. Duncan stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder Duncan, Moderator. Next sitting in Washington D. C., 200 G St. N. E., the third Sunday in August, 1961.

Old School Roanoke: Elder R. Thompson stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder J. J. Adams, Moderator. Next sitting in Cash, Va., Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1961.

Cooper Grove: Elder W. B. Enoch stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder C. C. Alston, Moderator. Next sitting at Mt. Hope Church, Cheek Crossing, 1961.

Contentnea: Brother Matthew Reid stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder Robert Revis, Moderator. Next sitting at Shady Grove, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1960.

Tar River: Elder G. Slade stating peace and a file of Minutes. Elder G. C. Payton, Moderator. Next sitting at Paul Chapel Church, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1960, seven miles from Greenville, N. C., and Standburg Road.

Moved and agreed that the delegates be received by the Modrator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. Moved and agreed that the petitionary letters be called for. None came forward. Moved and agreed if no other business, the conference adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock. The Moderator used hymn 505 for closing. Benediction by Elder J. H. Dickens.

ELDER B. B. EXUM, Moderator
ELDER H. G. GARDNER, Assistant
ELDER W. M. SHEPHARD, Treas.
BROTHER J. I. JONES, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8, 1960.

The Moderator opened the meeting by singing hymn 382. Prayer by Elder J. J. Adams. Then the Moderator read Matt. 20:1-14, and the house was called to order for business.

Moved and agreed to invite our corresponding delegates to seat with us and form a part of our conference and feel themselves at home. Moved and agreed that the roll of delegates be called: All present. Moved and agreed that roll of churches be called: All present. Moved and agreed that the Friday evening Minutes be read. Moved and agreed that the Minutes be received and all errors corrected if there be any. Moved and agreed that the Committee on Arrangements make their report. They reported as follows: Elder Thompson, Elder Jameson, Elder J. J. Adams. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be received and discharged. Moved and agreed to see where the next Association will sit. Chestnut Grove Church asked for the next sitting and was granted the same. Location one mile from Oak City, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1961. Elder Sandy Brown was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. B. B. Exum, alternate. Moved and agreed to get our return delegates to visit Associations with whom we correspond:

Sandy Ridge: Elder S. A. Short.
Long Branch: Elder Sandy Brown.
Tar River: Elder Outerbridge.
Contentnea: Elder E. Farmer.
Old School Roanoke: Elder B. B. Exum.
Chestnut Knob: Elder A. Cofield.
Cub Run: Elder C. W. Powell.
Cooper Grove: Elder Isaiah Perkins.
Loving: Elder W. M. Shephard.
Radicue: Elder B. B. Exum.
Union Line: Elder James Reid.
Bethlehem: Elder Joe Taylor.
Little River: Elder F. R. Bell.
Piedmont: Elder Joe Taylor.
Mt. Zion: Elder James Reid.

Moved and agreed that the corresponding letters be read. Moved and agreed that the Circular Letter be read, which was read by the Clerk. Moved and agreed that the Clerk write the Corresponding Letter for 1961, Brother R. W. Lock to write the Circular Letter.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

This is our 76th annual session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association, held with Jones Chapel Church, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960.

In as much as you desire that I write a Corresponding Letter for this Association, I trust it is God's holy will who makes it expedient that I write unto you in meekness and love. So brethren, pray for us that we prove faithful to the end, for as God did signify to His servant John, write the things which thou heard and send them to the seven churches which are in Asia. He that overcometh I will give to him a crown of life.

May God bless you and keep you. Your brother, I trust.

—J. I. JONES

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ:—This is our 76th annual session of the Corresponding Association. The Lord has richly blessed us to meet again in another session in peace and love I trust. Therefore to God I am thankful. I do hope that the love of God and His holy manna may be spread all around to our visiting delegates and friends.

Now Brethren, may the peace of our Lord abide with us.

Your brother in Christ. ELDER ALLEN COFIELD

Moved and agreed, if no other business, the conference will close. Used hymn 288 for closing. Dismissed by Elder J. L. Wade.

SATURDAY EVENING, October 8, 1960.

The Moderator opened the afternoon session by singing 141. Moved and agreed that the roll of the churches be called. All were present. Moved and agreed that the Committee make their report. They report as follows: Elder Thompson, Elder Jameson, Elder J. J. Adams. Moved and agreed that the report of the Committee be received and discharged. Moved and agreed that the Finance Committee keep a correct account of all the money taken in and paid out.

Moved and agreed that the Association have 500 copies of the minutes printed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Moved and agreed that the Association take up its dues.

Hickory Grove	$11.00	Jones Chapel	14.00
Jenkins Chapel	10.00	Olive Branch	3.00
Ennes	13.00	Zion Grove	5.00
Post Oak Grove	8.00	Chestnut Grove	6.00
Mt. Moriah	8.00	Williams Chapel	10.00
St. John	31.00	Total	$128.00
Mt. Rammah	1.00	Found in old treasury	1.04
Peter Swamp	2.00	Penny collection	84.48
St. Matthew	6.00	Total	$213.42

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Elder Short sang hymn 356. Prayer by Elder Cofield. Elder Short read the Scripture lesson, John 14. Brother Reeds sang hymn 3. No special text.

Elder G. H. Hairston sang hymn 275. Text St. John 17. Elder Reeds sang hymn 225, text S. John 14. Closing hymn 689.

Benediction by Elder A. H. Humphrey. Collection, $22.05.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Elder Short sang hymn 189. Prayer by Brother Jabie Jones. Elder Short read the evening lesson. Hebrews 12. Elder Townes sang hymn 3, text Ezekiel 33. Elder Adams sang hymn 530. No special text. Closing hymn 161. Benediction by Elder Wade.

Collection, $5.31.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Elder S. A. Short sang hymn 385. Prayer by Augustus Chawick. Scriptural lesson, St. John 15:14.

Elder Azor House sang hymn 25, preached from St. John 15. Elder Earl Holt preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Willie Carney arose and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Oscar Clemmons preached from St. John 15. Elder Leslie Blow sang hymn 18, text St. Luke 15:1. Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 188. Preached a wonderful sermon.

Dismissed by Elder D. S. Marton. Collection, $17.12.

SUNDAY AT THE STAND

Elder B. B. Exum read Acts 3, sang hymn 189. Prayer by Brother Jobie Jones. Elder Booker T. Hairston preached. No special text. Elder Earl Hold sang hymn 364, preach from no special text. Elder W. B. Enoch preached a wonderful sermon. Elder John Thomas Moore preached; no special text. Elder C. H. Jamison sang hymn 631; text Isa. 9:6.

Elder G. Duncan sang hymn 141; text Matthew 25. Elder Amos H. Humphrey, text St. John 15. Elder J. L. Wade sang hymn 355; chose for his text Daniel 4:17. Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 91; text Gen. 23.

Closing hymn 689. Collection, $40.00.

OBITUARY

Brother Abram Clemmons who was a faithful member of the Hickory Grove Primitve Baptist Church for forty-seven years departed this life on July 11, 1960. He as a faithful member throughout those years that he was a member. He was one who always wanted to be on the old rule in the church and have peace in the church and with his fellowman. He also served as a deacon for a number of years. He always tried to stand firmly on God's word as his song was "Firmly I stand on Zion's Hill." We all miss him, but God had a better place for him in His kingdom.

—Sisters and brothers of Hickory Grove and family

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CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Hickory Grove—Elder H. G. Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 277, Washington, N.C.
Mt. Moriah—Elder B. B. Exum, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
Ennes—Elder S. A. Short, Box 577, Bethel, N. C.
Post Oak—Elder B. B. Exum, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
Jenkins Chapel—Elder B. B. Exum, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
St. John—Elder Isaiah Perkin, Williamston, N. C.
Mt. Rhemon—Elder H. G. Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 277, Washington, N. C.
Peter Swamp—Eld. H. G. Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 277, Washington, N. C.
St. Matthew—Elder H. G. Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 277, Washington, N. C.
Jones Chapel—Elder Allen Coffield, Williamston, N. C.
Olive Branch—Elder B. B. Exum, Whitakers, N. C.
Chestnut Grove—Elder Earnest Farmer, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
Zion Grove—Elder Joe Outerbridge
Williams Chapel—Elder James Reid, 1878 Ala. Ave. S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DEACONS

St. John: Bro. William Perkin, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.
Hickory Grove: Brother Tom Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Jenkins Chapel: Bro. Claud Jones, Parmelie, N. C.
Enes: Brother Wm. Perkin, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.
Post Oak: Bro. Claud Jones, Parmelie, N. C.
Mt. Rhemon: Brother Tom Gardner, Washington, N. C.
St. Paul: Bro. Oscar Louis, Rt. 2, Robersonville, N. C.
Mt. Moriah: Bro. J. I. Jones, Rt. 2, Box 177, Tarboro, N. C.
Peter Swamp: Bro. R. Knight, Rt. 1, Box 339, Washington, N. C.
Jones Chapel: Bro. John Cherry, G. E. Cherry, Louis Cofield
St. Matthew: Brother Tom Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Olive Branch: Bro. David Langley
Chestnut Grove: Bro. R. W. Lock, Rt. 2, Box 115, Greenville, N. C.
Zion Grove: Brothers E. Callier, Ben Andrews
Williams Chapel: Brother William Sherrod, Richmond, Va.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Sandy Brown, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder H. G. Gardner, Rt. 1, Box 227, Washington, N. C.
Elder B. B. Exum, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
Elder S. A. Short, Box 177, Bethel, N. C.
Elder F. R. Bell, Rt. 1, Box 157, Oak City, N. C.; Ph. SY 8-1661
Elder C. W. Powell, Rt. 2, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder James Reid, 1878 Ala. Ave., S. E., Washington, 20, D. C.

Elder Pete Bell, Williamston, N. C.
Elder Russell Callier, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Sandy Brown, P. O., Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Joe Taylor, 1106 Taylor St., Greenville, N. C.
Elder Allen Cofield, 119 Hill St., Williamston, N. C.
Elder Earnest Farmer, Rt. 4, Whitakers, N. C.
Elder Isaiah Parker, Williamston, N. C.
Elder Joe Outerbridge, Rt. 3, Box 368, Williamston, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Brother Mose Carr, Parmelie, N. C.
Brother William Brown, Bethel, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Hickory Grove: Sister Lehea Shepherd, Rt. 2, Williamston, N. C.
Jenkins Chapel: Sister Callie Paige, Parmelie, N. C.
Enes: Sister Lucille Webb, Bethel, N. C.
Post Oak: Sister Lelia Spruill, Robersonville, N. C.
Mt. Moriah: Bro. J. I. Jones, Rt. 2, Box 177, Tarboro, N. C.
St. John: Sister Catherine Outerbridge, Williamston, N. C.
Mt. Rhemon: Sister Chelise C. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
Peter Swamp: Sister Chelise C. Gardner, Washington, N. C.
St. Paul: Sister Ethel Callier, Robersonville, N. C.
St. Matthew: Sister Charlotte Gardner, Williamston, N. C.
Jones Chapel: Sister Annie Ward, Bethel, N. C.
Olive Branch: Bro. David Langley, Patcolius, N. C.
Zion Grove: Sister Ethel Collier, Robersonville, N. C.
William Chapel: Sister Anne Ried, Washington, D. C.
Chestnut Grove: Sister Mattie Farmer, Whitakers, N. C.

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS

Hickory Grove: First Sunday and Saturday before in February May, August, November.
Jenkins Chapel: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September, December.
Post Oak: Second Sunday and Saturday before in Feb. May, Aug., Nov.
Mt. Moriah: First Sunday and Sat. before in March, June, Sept. Dec.
Peter Swamp: Fourth Sunday and Sat. before in Feb. May, Aug., Nov.
Mt. Rhemon: Second Sunday and Sat. before in March, June, Sept., Dec.
St. John: Second Sunday and Sat. before in March, June, Sept., Dec.
St. Matthews: Third Sunday and Sat. before in Jan. April, July, Oct.
St. Paul: Fourth Sunday and Sat. before in Jan., April, July, October.
Jones Chapel: Third Sunday and Sat. before in Jan., April, July, Oct.
Olive Branch: Third Sunday and Sat. before in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Chestnut Grove: Second Sun. and Sat. before in Jan., April, July, Oct.
Zion Grove: First Sunday and Sat. before in Jan., April, July, October.
Williams Chapel: First Sunday, Jan., April, July, Oct.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet monthy in conference. Each member without some lawful excuse, shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to open the doors for the reception of members.
2. Take up references, the oldest in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member tovote in all cases and a majority sall rule, excepting when touching the fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the church unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave from the church.

8. No member shall have the liberty of talking or whispering in time of public speaking nor cast reflections upon the speaker. He shall adhere strictly to the subject.

9. No member shall absent himself from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall not vote unless the conference be equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend two regular meetings in succession, without some lawful excuse, he or she shall be under the censure of the church.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons, while taking the Lord's Supper to notice and see if any members are missing in the congregation, and if any, the deacon shall report at next conference.

13. No church in this union shall receive a member from any other church in this union except on a certificate of good standing, and in full fellowship with the church from which the member came, except impossible to obtain such, then proceed as on confession of faith.

14. No church in this union shall hear a minister preach after having been silenced by a legal conference, whose Moderator shall be the Moderator of the Association.

15. Male members shall be the only debaters in any conference in this union.

16. If any member of this union joins any secret order of the day, he shall be reproved.

17. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules are obeyed.

18. Any amendment to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

5. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, particular election.

6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

8. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. We believe that the

punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly ordained by the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. Each church agrees to hold conference once a month.
2. The Moderator and Clerk should be chosen by the majority of the delegates present.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The doors of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to the gospel order.
10. We agreed to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at any church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction
14. If any member shall wilfully absent himself from communion, he shall make his reason known to the church of God.
15. If any member violates any of these rules, he shall be brought to trial. He must be tried first by his own church.
16. If any minister, deacon, or Clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
17. We agree not to commune with any persons unless they are baptized in our faith and order.
18. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
13. If any member becomes dissatisfied with the rules of the church
19. If any member sees another transgressing the rules of the church and does not bring it to the church after applying the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves. Each church shall have a Moderator and be governed by the voice of and then be restored.
the church.
20. No ordination shall be done only in a Union or an Association.
21. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church grounds.
22. No minister or members shall have a right to carry any of the Corresponding Association property to any Association.
23. No members who have been withdrawn from fellowship will be allowed to come into the Association. He first shall get right at his own church.
24. No member of this Association shall join any secret order and such shall be a violation of our faith and order and shall be dealt with by their churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Hickory Grove	Brother Tom Gardner	....	....	....	....	....	1	9	$11.00
Jenkins Chapel	Brother Claud Jones	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	10.00
Ennes	Brother William Perkin	....	....	....	1	....	....	13	13.00
Post Oak	Brother Claud Jones	....	....	....	1	....	....	10	8.00
Mt. Moriah	Brother J. I. Jones	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	8.00
St. John	Brother William Perkin	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	31.00
St. Matthew	Brother Tom Gardner	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	6.00
Jones Chapel	Brother Gilford Cherry	1	....	....	....	....	....	19	14.00
Olive Branch	Elder B. B. Exum	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	3.00
Zion Grove	Elder Joe Outerbridge	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	5.00
Peter Swamp	Brother R. Knight	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	2.00
Mt. Rhamon	Elder H. G. Gardner	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.00
Chestnut Grove	Brother R. W. Lock	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	6.00
Williams Chapel	J. H. Reid	....	3	....	....	....	....	5	10.00